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SUBJECT: \$10 DAY SPENDING REQUIREMENT FOR VISITORS TO BULGARIA

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1. ON NOVEMBER 10 MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND BULGARIAN NATIONAL BANK ANNOUNCED THAT THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT AS OF NOVEMBER 15 ON OBLIGATORY CHANGE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY INTO BULGARIAN LEVA WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL CITIZENS OF NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES VISITING BULGARIA. THE MINIMUM AMOUNT PERMISSABLE WILL BE US \$10 (OR AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT IN NON-SOCIALIST CURRENCY ACCEPTABLE BY THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL BANK) PER DAY WHILE IN BULGARIA. FOR TRANSIT PASSENGERS THE CHARGE WILL BE U.S. \$5 OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR EACH PASSAGE THROUGH THE COUNTRY.

2. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF COMMITTEE FOR RECREATION AND TOURISM THAT PRIMARY EFFECT OF THIS DECISION WILL BE ON TRANSIT PASSENGERS WHO CONSTITUTE OVER 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE FROM NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ENTERING BULGARIA. DECISION WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON THOSE PURCHASING PRE-PAID PACKAGED VACATIONS IN BULGARIA, AND SHOULD HAVE ONLY MINOR EFFECT ON OTHER TOURISTS WHO WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT TO PAY AT LEAST THAT AMOUNT FOR FOOD AND LODGING.

3. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS PLANNING ON VISITING BULGARIA. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE REMINDED THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO IMPORT OR EXPORT LEVA.

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